

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISPARITY IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER ARWSP

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has appraised the Union Government repeatedly regarding inadequate and huge discrepancy in allocation of funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) to the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat had requested for revision of norms for allocation of funds under ARWSP(DDP) in June 2005. The criteria for allocation of funds under ARWSP (DDP) has been revised with effect from 2006-07.

As per revised criteria, a fixed amount (about 5%) of Annual Central Plan allocation is earmarked for Rural Water Supply in DDP areas in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka and Rajasthan without the condition of the States providing matching provision under the MNP. The criteria for allocation of the said funds to these States are as under:-

Weightage for % age points

Proportionate rural population in DDP blocks 40

NC/PC habitations (at 2:1 ratio) 35

Quality affected habitations 25

The funds under ARWSP (DDP) during 2006-07 has been released to the States as per revised criteria. The share of each DDP State, was calculated based on the information regarding rural population in DDP blocks, number of NC/PC habitations and number of quality affected habitations furnished by the DDP States. The information furnished by Gujarat was: Population (60.71 lakh), NC/PC habitations (503) and number of quality affected habitations (659). Accordingly the allocation under ARWSP (DDP) to Gujarat during 2006-07 was worked out at Rs.658.56 lakh against which an amount of Rs. 329.28 lakh has been released as first instalment.